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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: PS Docket No. 07-114

Dear Secretary Dortch,

As a county commissioner and overseer of Lackawanna County's Emergency Communication Center, I understand that every second counts during a crisis. I also understand that many families in Lackawanna County are "cell phone only" households now that do not have a landline phone.

Cell phones are valuable tools that can enhance public safety. If we always have a phone, we can always reach 911. Unfortunately, the 911 system cannot always reach those in need of assistance. The FCC proposal for updated indoor location accuracy standards will help resolve this problem and must be enacted right away.

As you know, a call that originates from a cell phone, particularly when indoors, does not afford a dispatcher the ability to locate the caller like a landline call. This leaves our emergency responders reliant on a distressed caller for an accurate description of their precise location.

I have no doubt this can lead to valuable time being wasted when an individual is in need of immediate help.

I urge you to help us help our constituents in time of emergency by addressing important public safety matter by establishing location accuracy standards for wireless devices.

Thank you,

Patrick O'Malley
Lackawanna County Commissioner